

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4607

To ensure passenger safety at airports.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2005

Mr. REICHERT (for himself and Mr. DICKS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AIRPORT SAFETY.**

4 The Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security
5 (Transportation Security Administration) shall not in-
6 crease the number of random body searches or modify the
7 list of items prohibited from being carried aboard a pas-
8 senger aircraft operated by an air carrier or foreign air
9 carrier in air transportation or intrastate air transpor-
10 tation set forth in section 1540 of title 49, Code of Federal
11 Regulations, so as to permit any item contained on the

1 list as of December 1, 2005, to be carried aboard a pas-
2 senger aircraft until—

3 (1) each high risk airport, as determined by the
4 Assistant Secretary, is equipped with and using walk
5 through explosive detection equipment at security
6 checkpoints;

7 (2) the Assistant Secretary conducts a security-
8 risk assessment of common items that may be car-
9 ried aboard a passenger aircraft for their potential
10 use in a terrorist incident;

11 (3) the Assistant Secretary develops standards
12 for the inclusion or removal of items assessed under
13 paragraph (2) on the list of prohibited items based
14 on the level of risk determined under such para-
15 graph;

16 (4) the Assistant Secretary develops guidelines,
17 based on the risk or threat of a terrorist incident,
18 to determine when a body search is warranted; and

19 (5) the Assistant Secretary submits a report to
20 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House
21 of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland
22 Security and Government Affairs of the Senate re-
23 garding the assessment, standards, and guidelines

- 1 described in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4), respec-
- 2 tively.

